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### **Housing Connect opens new Front Door.**

To mark National Homeless Person's Week, Colony 47 will launch the new Housing Connect Front Door at 181 Collins Street Hobart.

Housing Connect provides improved access to services for people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or those seeking to enter into public, community or private rental housing.

"Improving access to emergency and longer term support, improving cross service coordination and better targeting our sector resources through the Housing Connect reforms has certainly had a positive impact on outcomes for the people we support", said Therese Taylor, CEO Colony 47.

"We have seen a reduction in clients cycling through multiple instances of short-term homelessness, greater client engagement with services through improved case-coordination, and in addition, we are very happy to be launching a new Bond Guarantee Scheme in the coming weeks to improve the chances of high need Tasmanian families to access private rental accommodation".

All people entering our new Housing Connect site this week will receive a Crisis Supplies pack that contains basic essentials for sleeping rough and information about how to access services and support for a range of needs.

People seeking assistance to access housing or homelessness support, should contact Housing Connect, 24hrs state wide on 1800 800 588.

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#### **Ends**

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